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SUBJ: ZANZIBAR-MAINLAND DIFFERENCES OVER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

DAR ES SALAAM FOR USAID

1. LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN ZANZIBAR'S EFFORTS TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, SUBJECT WHICH HAS BEEN SOURCE OF ONGOING BEHIND-THE-SCENES DISPUTE BETWEEN GOZ AND TANGOV, IS STRONGLY-WORDED LETTER TO FINANCE MINISTER CLEOPA MSUYA BY ZANZIBAR MINISTER OF STATE HASSAN NASSOR MOYO, ON INSTRUCTIONS OF FIRST VP JUMBE.

2. MOYO IN LETTER REVIEWS NATURE OF ESSENTIALLY CONSTITUTIONAL DISPUTE GOVERNING ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, NOTING THAT WHILE INTERIM CONSTITUTION OF 1965 MAKES ECONOMIC INTERNAL AFFAIRS INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT NON-UNION MATTERS, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IS SPECIFIED AS UNION MATTER. LETTER CITES GOZ CONCERN ABOUT LEARNING ABOUT AID AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ONLY AFTER THE FACT, OFTEN THROUGH NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, AND GOES ON TO MAKE TWO SPECIFIC REQUESTS RE FUTUCE HANDLING OF ASSISTANCE MATTERS:

1) THAT GOZ BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF ANY ASSISTANCE-RELATED NEGOTIATIONS AND 2) THAT GOZ BE INVITED PARTICIPATE SUCH DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING WORKING OUT OF JOINT TANGOV-GOZ POSITION. LETTER STATES ZANZIBAR EXPECTS TO BE REPRESENTED AS QTE EQUAL PARTNER IN THE UNION UNQTE THOUGH NOT, IT CONCEDES, AS PARTNER WITH CLAIM TO

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EQUAL AMOUNTS OF AID.

3. FACTOR WHICH HAS TRIGGERED STRONG ZANZIBAR REPRESENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT IS RECENT AID NEGOTIATIONS WITH EEC WHICH TANGOV CONDUCTED, GOZ SOURCES SAY, WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH ZANZIBAR AUTHORITIES. FOLLOW UP REPRESENTATION BY JUMBE ELICITED LETTER FROM EEC REP SOLICITING ZANZIBAR INPUTS AND INVITING PARTICIPATION IN FURTHER AID DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER.

4. LETTER ALSO SOLICITS TREASURY ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOZ AND FRG'S INSTITUTE OF RADIO AND TELEVISION ENGINEERS CONCERNING PROPOSED EXTENSION OF US-BUILT KAJUME TECHNICAL COLLEGE, PHASE TWO OF WHICH WILL INVOLVE WHAT ZANZIBAR HOPES WILL BE REGIONAL CENTER FOR TRAINING IN RADIO, TELEVISION, AND GENERAL ELECTRONICS. WEST GERMANS HAVE REPORTEDLY INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT KTC EXPANSION PROVIDED SUITABLE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RE USE OF FACILITY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER EAST AFRICAN STATES, SPECIFICALLY UGANDA, WHICH HAS OWN COLOR TV SYSTEM.

5. COMMENT: ZANZIBAR AUTHORITIES, IN RELYING ON ARGUMENT THAT AID IS UNION MATTER, ARE EVIDENTLY HOPING THAT HANGING ON TO MAINLAND'S ECONOMICALLY TATTERED COATTAILS WILL BE BETTER TACTIC THAN TRYING TO GO IT ALONE. THE TRICK NOW WILL BE TO GET TREASURY AND OTHER MAINLAND AUTHORITIES TO NOT ONLY AGREE BUT GENUINELY COOPERATE.

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